

subject in need thereof the [a compound selected from the group consisting of a] compound [identified as an antagonist] according to claim [any of claims] 35 [50 or 51, a nucleic acid molecule according to claim 1 and a growth factor according to claim 7] in sufficient concentration to reduce or prevent the symptoms of said disorder.

REMARKS

Applicants herein amend claims 13, 52, 54 in order to remove multiple dependencies.

Claim 16 has been canceled without prejudice. Claims 1-15, 17-57 remain in the application.

No fee is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment. However, if any fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 07-1855.

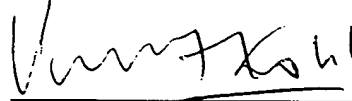
An early and favorable examination on the merits is earnestly solicited.

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